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Title: *Method and Apparatus to Detect Malicious Software*

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Sir:

I, Mihai Christodorescu, declare:

1. I am one of the inventors of the subject matter of the claimed subject matter in the above-identified U.S. Patent Application ("the invention") as recited in claims 1-17.

2. I have reviewed and understand the scope of the claims of this Application.

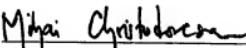
3. I have reviewed the "Detecting Malicious Patterns in Executables via Model Checking" University of Wisconsin, dated July 12, 2002, pages 1-15 (hereinafter "the Christodorescu Presentation").

4. I prepared and retained sole custody of the Christodorescu Presentation prior to its public disclosure.

5. The first public disclosure of the Christodorescu Presentation was after July 29, 2002. The date on the presentation is not the date that the presentation was made publicly available.

6. I declare that all statements made herein of my own knowledge are true and that all statements made on information and belief are believed to be true; and further that these statements were made with the knowledge that willful false statements and the like so made are punishable by fine or imprisonment, or both under Section 1001 of Title 18 of the United States Code, and that such willful false statements may jeopardize the validity of the application or any patent issuing thereon.

Respectfully submitted,


Mihai Christodorescu

9/27/2008
Date